

# House Study Bill 117 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON RIZER)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to limitations on public school district bond  
2 elections and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 75.1, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 2. a. When a proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds  
4 by a political subdivision subject to this chapter that is not  
5 a school district has been submitted to the electors under  
6 this section and the proposal fails to gain approval by the  
7 required percentage of votes, such proposal, or any proposal  
8 which incorporates any portion of the defeated proposal, shall  
9 not be submitted to the electors for a period of six months  
10 from the date of such regular or special election and may only  
11 be submitted on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,  
12 paragraph "a", "b", or "c", as applicable.

13 b. Except as provided in paragraph "c", when a proposition  
14 to authorize an issuance of bonds by a school district has  
15 been submitted to the electors under this section, another  
16 proposition to issue bonds by the school district submitted to  
17 the electors on or after the effective date of this Act shall  
18 not be submitted to the electors for a period of six months  
19 from the date of such regular or special election and may only  
20 be submitted on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection  
21 4, paragraph "c".

22 c. When a proposition to authorize an issuance of bonds by  
23 a school district has been submitted to the electors under this  
24 section and the proposal fails to gain approval by the required  
25 percentage of votes, such proposal, or any proposal which  
26 incorporates any portion of the defeated proposal, submitted to  
27 the electors on or after the effective date of this Act shall  
28 not be submitted to the electors for a period of one year from  
29 the date of such regular or special election and may only be  
30 submitted on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4,  
31 paragraph "c".

32 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
33 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2       This bill makes changes relating to election requirements  
3 and limitations for the issuance of certain bonds by school  
4 districts.

5       Current law provides that when a bond proposition is  
6 submitted to voters and fails to gain approval, the entity  
7 submitting the proposal is prohibited from resubmitting the  
8 proposal to voters, in any form, for a period of six months.

9       Under the bill, if a school district submits a proposal  
10 to issue bonds to the voters, the school district is then  
11 prohibited from submitting another bond proposal to voters for  
12 a period of six months. Additionally, if a school district  
13 submits a proposal which fails to gain approval of the voters,  
14 the school district is then prohibited from resubmitting the  
15 proposal to voters for a period of one year.

16       Code section 75.1 applies to school corporations, which  
17 by operation of Code section 260C.16, includes merged areas  
18 (community colleges). The bill does not apply to merged areas.

19       The bill takes effect upon enactment.